

Transition is Still the Rule as El Camino Opens New Session

Somewhat tired and greatly relieved to have worked out an acceptable college program, student number 9600 will appear for his class cards at an El Camino College registration desk on February 6, a few hours before spring semester classes begin.

Perhaps a bit smug at this point, student number 1 completed his enrollment procedures on the afternoon of December 27. Between the two came the enrollments of mid-term high school graduates, the housewife across the street, the veteran, fresh from overseas duty, and the industrial worker whose next promotion may be directly dependent upon the completion of six units of college work.

Betty Coed and Freddie the Freshman have assumed new characteristics at El Camino College these days. El Camino was, in fact, born in an age of transition, many of its earliest students coming directly from the battlefields of Normandy, Guadalcanal, and North Africa. Its growth has been unharmed. Transition is still the rule.

Seated in the same classroom may well be a sixteen-year-old coed and a septuagenarian learning to write more effectively. The center of the basketball squad may find as his neighbor a policeman who served with the WACS in Europe.

COLLEGE TESTS

Despite their many differences, students in El Camino English, math, and science classes have one thing in common—all have experienced college placement tests. On the basis of records tabulated in these examinations, the student enrolls in a standard college course or in classes which will prepare him more adequately for the vigorous college program ahead.

Approximately 40 per cent of those taking the English placement test fail to qualify for enrollment in English 1A, the standard first-semester course for college freshmen. They enroll, instead, in English A, a basic course which stresses fundamentals.

Failure of students to pass the placement test cannot be considered an indictment of high school teaching programs.

"In the first place," President Forrest G. Murdock comments, many of our prospective students have never completed high school work. They may be anywhere from 18 to 80 years of age. Our function is to accept them where they are, scho-



ONE OF THE LAST students to register for classes at El Camino College during the presidency of Forrest G. Murdock is John M. Huffman of Redondo Beach. Huffman will take placement tests this week, prior to enrollment in college courses; President Murdock has announced that he will retire on August 1.

lastically speaking, and develop and inspire improvement.

"Countless others have graduated from high school, perhaps in the college district, perhaps elsewhere, but have interrupted their last instruction in English and other courses. It seems quite natural that these people find it necessary and advisable to take basic courses in their introduction to college work.

"Still others fail, largely because of fatigue and tension inherent in any three-hour examination," President Murdock reflected.

SCHOOL COOPERATION
Neighboring high schools and El Camino have worked hand-in-hand to articulate their programs. For the past two years, representatives from district high schools have met with college administrators and teachers.

"The high school people are anxious to know what to do and how to qualify students to prepare for college work," Dr. William H. Harless, college director of instructions, noted. "These articulation meetings have proved fruitful."

Dr. Harless also outlined a program of acceleration which the college proposes for the stimulation of outstanding students in the high school. The program calls for individual

high schools to offer college-level instruction in such subjects as English, history, foreign languages, mathematics, and science to top pupils.

If, on completion of the proposed course, the student is able to pass a test devised and scored by the college, he will be given college credit for his work. Scoring will be based upon national norms, Dr. Harless indicated.

At least one neighboring school, the director said, is experimenting in the enrichment of the program of its outstanding students by sending these youngsters to the college campus one day per week, enabling them to sit in on college classes and to gain an early orientation to a college program.

Such programs are not limited to the El Camino campus, being offered by many colleges and universities throughout the nation, Dr. Harless concluded.

El Camino administrators acknowledged the difficulties which high schools encounter in their educational programs. "In the face of many severe problems, the local high schools are doing a good job in preparing students for the future as attested by national tests," President Murdock said.

Student Leaders Honored By Harbor Junior College

Pi Alpha Epsilon, Harbor College Business club, won top honors among campus organizations at the recent Leadership Banquet, held each semester at Harbor to honor outgoing student leaders, to welcome new officers, and to present special achievement awards to individuals and clubs.

For the second semester in succession, Pi Alpha Epsilon won the perpetual plaque donated by the San Pedro Rotary Club to the outstanding non-restrictive club on campus.

It also won the Wilmington Jr. Chamber of Commerce trophy for the club with highest scholarship and leadership, an award determined by Alpha Gamma Sigma, California honor scholarship society. The International Club was runner-up for this award.

Theta Xi Omega won the Wilmington Rotary Club plaque for being the outstanding restrictive club at Harbor. Theta Xi was the winner of this same award last semester.

The individual cup to the student demonstrating outstanding scholarship and leadership, donated by the San Pedro Lions Club, was won by Bruce Collins. Honorable mention awards for scholarship and leadership were won by Gloria Radmilovich, Gilma Glavinic, and Tom Miller.

Kathryn Schultz, who has earned an A average during each semester of her work at Harbor, won on Alpha Gamma Sigma Gold Pin award, together with

permanent membership in the scholarship society. Gloria Radmilovich, secretary of Inter-Club Council, presented new charters to Xi Gamma Iota, Christian Club, and Lambda Delta Sigma, which were organized or reorganized this semester. Tony Corso, Gloria Aldrich, and John Brown accepted the charters for their groups.

The Honorable John A. Shidler of South Bay Municipal Court, principal speaker of the evening, discussed outstanding court trials of many eras. His lovely wife, Rosemary DeCamp, of television and motion picture fame, was among the honored guests.

Also on the program were Raymond J. Casey, Director of the college, Administrative Dean Hazel M. Whedon, Dean of Student Activities J. Reyburn Hatfield, Leo N. Sirakides, Mary Padilla, Gloria Radmilovich, Pat Goodyear, Cecil Ricks, Tom Miller, Bruce Collins, and Barney Spencer.

Tom Miller, president of Inter-Club Council, and Bruce Collins, Associated Student Organization president, were co-chairmen for the Leadership Banquet. They were assisted by Jack Bourland, Jim Poindexter, Sandra Lorenzi, Karen Gould, Dick Moon, Phyllis McGowan, Bob Corrales, Roxanne DeMott, Rex Shea, Wes Bauer, and Dan Otto.

Faculty sponsors were J. Reyburn Hatfield, Leo N. Sirakides, and Chrystal Murphey. The gala Spanish dinner was catered by Gonzales Restaurant.

H. S. Kessler Completes Civil Defense Course

Herbert S. Kessler, 21602 Marjorie ave., received a graduation certificate from the Los Angeles Civil Defense and Disaster Corps for completion of an intensive 32-hour basic and light-rescue training course.

The training course, conducted by the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works, is designed to teach the basic procedures of emergency rescue to volunteer civil defense workers, governmental employees and personnel of various local business and industrial firms.

Kessler, who is employed with Northrop Aircrafts, received instructions in fire and panic control, first aid, stretcher lashing, horizontal and vertical lowering, search and tagging of casualties and knot tying.

Graduation exercises included a realistic test, under simulated bombing conditions, of the knowledge gained from the course.

Cunningham Leads Red Cross Appeal

Jack Cunningham of Shell Chemical corp. will lead the Southern Region's 1958 Expanded Red Cross Fund appeal. Announcement of Cunningham's appointment to the top post for the second consecutive year was made this week by John Luhring, over-all chairman for the Los Angeles Chapter's approaching campaign for extended Red Cross funds.

At the same time, Luhring reported that the 1957 Expanded Red Cross Fund goal for the entire Los Angeles area has been set at \$3,600,000, "with corresponding expanded community goals to be disclosed at a later date."

Cunningham, who led the local region to an unprecedented fund campaign victory in 1957, confidently predicted a repeat performance for 1958, as he accepted the chairmanship this year.

"Early organization and advanced planning will again provide the impetus to another, successful over-the-top Red Cross appeal in this region next spring," Luhring declared. "In this rapidly growing area, Red Cross must meet the challenge of providing expanded services for expanded needs. This we aim to do by conducting a quick, economical expanded fund campaign pursuing the highest goal since the end of World War II."

Manager of the Synthetic Rubber Sales Division for Shell Chemical Corps. in Torrance, the fund chairman lives at 2915 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes, with his wife, Isabel, and their four children, Stephen, 12; Bonnie, 10; Sheila, 7; and John, 6.

Aside from serving as chairman of the Peninsula Red Cross Branch, Cunningham is also actively affiliated with several youth group organizations.

Odd Fellows Install Officers

George Jennings of 2317 W. 247th st., Lomita was chosen Noble Grand of Tio Odd Fellow Lodge No. 495 of Torrance for the coming year.

Jennings was installed as Noble Grand of the lodge in an impressive ceremony in the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo ave., on January 15.

The official members of the lodge are as follows: Past Noble Grand, Charles Merryman; Vice Grand, Edward Collins; Secretary, Andrew Branagh and Treasurer, Leslie Walling.

The installation of the officers was made more impressive by the following members of the Torrance Rebekah Lodge acting as escorts: Mrs. Alice Jennings, Mrs. Anne Collins, Mrs. Fronia Branagh and Mrs. Dorothy Walling.

The appointive officers for the coming year are: Warden, Paige Hurley; Conductor, Bill Brase; Chaplain, Henry Weaver, Jr.; Inside Guardian, Harold Hazel; Outside Guardian, Ray Forrin; Right Scene Supporter, Oscar Davis; Left Scene Supporter, Gerald Rayle; Right Supporter to the Noble Grand, Arthur Cary; Right Supporter to the Vice Grand, Forest Perkins; Left Supporter to the Vice Grand, T. J. Gadberrry.

David Croan was the installing Deputy Grand Master and he was assisted by a very capable corps of officers and a well drilled escort team from the Del Mar Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Edith Rogan had charge of the dining room and the serving of refreshments.

Cunningham stated that he will soon announce the names of those who will serve as his top leadership aides in raising expanded funds throughout the following communities of the Southern Region: Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, and the Peninsula.

Commend 4 Reservists

Three residents and a business man from the Torrance area will be among 19 members of the 6218th Army Reserve Service Unit to be honored in a ceremony during open house activities at the Army Reserve Training Center, Hawthorne, Monday evening marking the unit's 10th Anniversary.

The reservists will receive letters of commendation for outstanding attendance records during their 10 years of reserve service.

They include Lt. Col. Hubert L. Brier, commanding officer of the unit, who lives in Hollywood Riviera at 122 Camino De Las Colinas and has a business at 2250 W. 235 st.; Capt. William B. Breaker, 821 Teri ave.; M/Sgt. Robert C. Wilson, 1004 Faysmith ave.; and Sergeant First Class Lowell D. Mills, 20537 Entradero ave.

Also on the program will be a skit depicting the operation of the unit—a reception station—in processing new recruits into the Army.

Open house will begin at the training center, 3906 W. 139 st., Hawthorne, at 7 p.m.

Torrance Wrestlers Down Inglewood

Closing out the first round of Bay League competition the Tarter wrestling squad scored an easy 26 to 17 win over hapless Inglewood last Tuesday. The Torrance crew had a struggle in the lower weight divisions, but a good performance turned in by the middle weight classes clinched it for the local team.

Coach Bill Hoag of Torrance will send his grapplers out against Redondo Tuesday to open up the second round of league matches. The affair will be staged in the Torrance gym at 2:45.



THREE MEN ON A DONKEY: Three democratic candidates for state office who will spend a great deal of 1958 campaigning in Southern California are: left to right, Edmund "Pat" Brown, candidate for governor and head of California's democratic party; Alan Cranston, the democrats' selection for the office of State controller, and Clair Engle, popular congressman who is making a bid for the United State senate.

Call Volleyball Team Meeting

A meeting of volleyball team representatives will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, in the Torrance Recreation dept. office, 3031 Torrance blvd. Rules and conditions of play will be reviewed for the purpose of reorganizing the present 10 team mens' league for further play.

Local persons who may be interested in entering a team in this type of competition are urged

to attend Tuesday's meeting, Elmer "Red" Moon, Athletic Director for the City, announced. The Harbor Resident Physicists Team clinched the first round championship Thursday evening by winning two games from the former second place Stummers team. The Rotary Club moved into the second position as a result of their two wins over the Beachcombers.

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